

# HOW WORLD POWERS WOULD COMPARE IN A WAR IN AIR



Birdmen will play a prominent part in the next war between the big nations of the world, and already the foreign countries are figuring up the relative aerial strength of each other as they have been comparing each others' battleships and military resources in the past.

France is by far the leader in airship fleets. She has 838 aeroplanes which may be used during a war. Great Britain comes next with 244, and Germany is a close third, with 214. Italy, with 175, is way ahead of the United States, the birthplace of

the Wright brothers! Russia has 99, and the U. S. A. comes sixth, with 98. Austria has 47, and the other nations follow with still fewer.

## PROVERBIAL

"Give me neither poverty nor riches, lest I be full and deny Thee, or lest I be poor and steal."

The fellow who got this up, thousands of years ago, was granted his wish by the Lord. But he wrote things that are read for the comforting of people unto this very day.

Both Poverty and Riches debase. Usefulness endures. The humblest among us can be useful. One's poverty may be ended by death. One's

riches may blow away, as down from the thistle. But one's Usefulness survives eternally. And the twin children of Usefulness are Content and Happiness, who rarely visit either Riches or Poverty.

Young lady in bookseller's shop—I want a volume of poetry, please. Bookseller—Yes, miss. What author? Young lady—Oh, I don't mind; but the cover must harmonize with a red plush table-cover!